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For: TETRAMIDES OF A GADOLINIUM COMPLEX AND APPLICATION
IN MEDICAL IMAGING#3A
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1/24/02PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence: ~~-This is a 371 of PCT/FR00/01382 filed May 19, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference---~~

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 8 and add new claims 9 through 16 submitted herewith as on attached sheets.